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Environmental Health Standing Committee (enHealth)

2.2 Outstanding action items

The outstanding action items of previous meetings were presented to members in an updated format. Provided below is a summary of the discussion and updates:

Outstanding action items not discussed elsewhere

- Action item 1019/09: Dr Lindsay referred members to 2.2 Attachment 1, a written update on the WA Climate Change Inquiry, and provided a verbal summary. The Inquiry is still going; 138 written submissions have been made and formal public hearings and targeted stakeholder engagement is continuing. The last public hearing will be on 12 December 2019. An analysis and report on the Inquiry is due to the WA Minister for Health by March 2020. Some budget submissions have begun despite the recommendations not being known yet. Additionally, a WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation [Climate Change Issues Paper](#) was out for consultation, closing 29 November 2019. WA can provide further updates to enHealth as the Inquiry progresses.

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- They have gradually developed a climate change framework
 - Dr David Pencheon's work on reducing the climate change footprint in the United Kingdom from health services has been useful.
- Climate change and health outcomes were mentioned with reference to the 2019 international report of [The Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate](#) and the Australian 2019 report of the [MJA-Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: a turbulent year with mixed progress](#).
 - There are nuanced impacts, including on chronic diseases, from water and rain events and some modelling of these nuances may be required.
- Could expect again, like last year, that about 50% of the time from November to March could be spent in emergency response mode.

Day 1 of the meeting was closed at 17.40 AEDT.

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